# Humanities West

20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2003 HERBST THEATRE, SAN FRANCISCO

Over the past 20 years, Humanities West has brought together extraordinary minds and talents to explore great periods in history and the all-time artistic achievements of humanity. Thank you for joining us to reflect on the 56 programs presented-todate and to celebrate our unique organization.

Friday, November 21, 7:30 PM – 11:00 PM

Herbst Theatre, San Francisco

7:30 PM Performance ITALIAN MUSICAL GEMS

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**GIULIO CACCINI (1550- 1618)** GIROLAMO FRESCOBALDI (1583 -1643) BARBARA STROZZI (1619 - 1694?)

SUSAN RODE MORRIS, soprano THERESA NELSON, soprano **ELAINE THORNBURGH**, harpsichord

8:10 PM Lecture **EUROPE'S LAST EMPEROR: CHARLES V** Having transformed the Roman Republic into the Roman Empire, Augustus left to posterity an image of ultimate power that mesmerized Europe's rulers for 1500 years. Those who sought to become the new Augustus kept alive a vision of European unity and God-given authority that would not fade, even though it seemed always out of reach. The last of its champions, Charles V, ruled a vast terrain in the sixteenth century, but the fragmentation over which he presided revealed how hollow the ideal had become. THEODORE **RABB** tells the story of the end of one kind of Europe and the beginning of another.

#### **INTERMISSION**

8:50 PM Lecture **ZOOMSCAPE** Whether riding in an airplane or sitting down in front of a movie screen, we now have the ability to explore memorable and extraordinary places without approaching or entering a building on foot. MITCHELL SCHWARZER has coined a new term to describe this experience: zoomscape. From his groundbreaking survey Zoomscape: Architecture in Motion and Media, Schwarzer will discuss how the perception of architecture in the modern era is transformed by images and motion. Looking past fixed objects, he delves into the radically-altered landscape of moving architecture as mediated by technology and sensory overload.

9:20 PM Performance Throughout history, dance has been an indicator of societal norms and cultural style. From the Pavane to the Jitterbug, the gesture and costume of dance informs us about our past. DANCE THROUGH TIME performs an energetic medley of movement from the 1340s to the 1940s.

9:35 PM

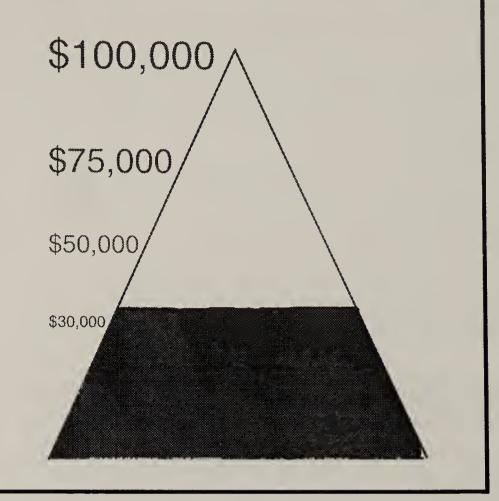
Reception Please join us for a reception in the Green Room, located on the 2nd floor.



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received in the early Fall, we have
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SUSAN RODE MORRIS is a singer of unusual versatility whose accomplishments encompass a wide range of repertoire and musical styles. A native of the San Francisco Bay Area, she has received much critical acclaim for her expressiveness and naturalness in singing, as well as her communicative presence. She is a founding member of Ensemble Alcatraz and has sung with many ensembles including Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra, American Bach Soloists, Sequentia Koln, Sex Chordae Consort of Viols, Foolia!, Magnificat!, Women's Philharmonic and others in North America and Europe. She has premiered numerous works of Bay Area composers, including opera and theatre pieces. She founded a recording company Donsuemor which has released three compact discs, including songs of Henry Purcell and songs of 18th century Scottish poet Robert Burns. For many years she has studied voice with the legendary Lilian Loran. A special love is teaching children the joy of singing. She owns a baking company (Donsuemor) which supplies the U.S. with fresh madeleines.

Humanities West. She is also a singer, performing both early music and classic choral literature. Theresa has performed as soloist with various Bay Area orchestras, and she was a founding member of the professional chamber group the San Francisco Choral Artists. She has performed with the Chicago Symphony Chorus and premiered Steve Reich's "Desert Music" with the San Francisco Symphony. Currently she performs with the California Revels and the Oakland Symphony Chorus. Theresa has 20 years of experience advising nonprofit organizations and public agencies. She is currently the Vice-Chair of the City of Oakland's Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission, Board Member of the Rockridge Community Planning Council, the Golden Gate Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Children's Fairyland in Oakland, and on the Advisory Council of Humanities West.

THERESA NELSON, CFRE, MBA is a co-founder of

THEODORE K. RABB is Professor of History at Princeton University. He received his PhD. from Princeton, and subsequently taught at Stanford, Northwestern, Harvard and Johns Hopkins Universities. He is the author of numerous articles and reviews, and has been editor of *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History* since its foundation. Among the books he has written or edited are *The Struggle for Stability in Early Modern Europe*, the *New History*, and *Renaissance Lives*. Professor Rabb has held offices in various national organizations. including the American Historical Association. He was the principal historical advisor for the five-part PBS television series *RENAISSANCE*, nominated for an Emmy following its national broadcast in 1993. He serves on the Advisory Council of Humanities West.

MITCHELL SCHWARZER is Chair of the Department of Visual Studies at California College of the Arts. He is the author of German Architectural Theory and the Search for Modern Identity (1995), Architecture and Design: San Francisco (1998), and the soon-to-be-released Zoomscape: Architecture in Motion and Image (2004). He has published extensively on architecture, urbanism, and landscapes in such journals as Assemblage, the Journal of Architectural Education, Dwell, Harvard Design Magazine, and the Journal of Urban Design.

**ELAINE THORNBURGH** is the Founding President of Humanities West. A native of Key West, Florida, she was raised in San Francisco and began her study of the harpsichord with Alan Curtis at the University of California at Berkeley. She is a graduate of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. In 1984, she received the National Endowment for the Arts Solo Recitalist Award and has been a California Arts Council Touring Artist since 1984. She performs nationally on harpsichord as both soloist and in chamber ensemble. Elaine teaches harpsichord at Stanford University and privately in the San Francisco Bay Area. In April 2000, as the first American harpsichordist to tour several cities in Poland, she performed seven recitals and five master classes, primarily focused around the music of J.S. Bach. She has recorded for Koch International Classics harpsichord performances of Sonatas by Domenico Scarlatti and of Grounds and

Variations by William Byrd. Her fourth CD, a two-CD Scarlatti set was voted Critic's Choice in 1991 by Gramophone. As founding Chair of the Western Early Keyboard Association (WEKA), Ms. Thornburgh encourages an active keyboard community through newsletters, regional gatherings and an annual conference. She enjoys Navajo weaving in her spare time.



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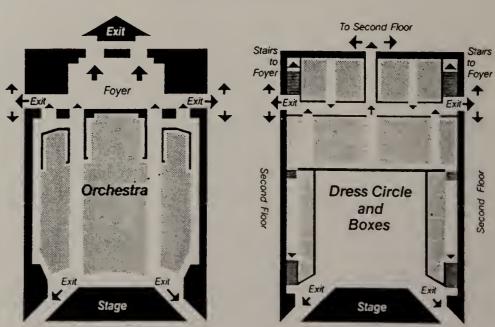
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